

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A chewable composition comprising a chewable base and a probiotic agent.
2. (Original) A chewable composition according to Claim 1, wherein the probiotic agent is a micro-organism exhibiting antagonistic properties against undesirable strains of micro-organisms
3. (Original) A chewable composition according to Claim 1, wherein the probiotic agent is a lactic acid-producing microorganism.
4. (Original) A chewable composition according to Claim 3, wherein said lactic acid producing microorganism is selected from the group consisting of the genera *Lactobacillus*, *Lactococcus*, *Pedioccocus*, *Leuconostoc*, *Sporolactobacillus*, *Bacillus* and mixtures thereof.
5. (Original) A chewable composition according to Claim 4, wherein said lactic acid producing microorganism is selected from the group consisting of the species *Bacillus coagulans*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Bacillus laterosporus*, *Bacillus laevolacticus*, *Sporolactobacillus inulinus*, *Lactobacillus acidophilus*, *Lactobacillus curvatus*, *Lactobacillus plantarum*, *Lactobacillus jensenii*, *Lactobacillus casei*, *Lactobacillus fermentum*, *Lactococcus lactis*, *Pedioccocus acidilacti*, *Pedioccocus pentosaceus*, *Pedioccocus urinae*, *Leuconostoc mesenteroides* and mixtures thereof.
6. (Original) A chewable composition according to Claim 1, wherein the probiotic agent is a spore-forming micro-organism exhibiting antagonistic properties against undesirable strains of micro-organisms,
7. (Original) A chewable composition according to Claim 6, wherein said probiotic agent is a spore-forming lactic acid-producing micro-organism.
8. (Original) A chewable composition according to Claim 7, wherein said the probiotic agent is a species of the genus *Bacillus* and/or of the genus *Sporolactobacillus* and most

*preferably a species selected from the group consisting of *Bacillus coagulans*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Bacillus laterosporus*, *Bacillus laevolacticus*, *Sporolactobacillus inulinus* and mixture thereof in their living form or dormant form (spore).*

9. (Currently Amended) A chewable composition according to any of the preceding claims claim 1, which is typically a chewing gum composition comprising comprises from about 0.01% to about 10% of probiotic agent or mixtures thereof by weight of total.
10. (Currently Amended) A chewable composition according to any of the preceding claims 1 to 8 claim 1, which is typically a chewing gum composition comprising comprises from about 10% to about 90% of chewing gum chewable base by weight of the total composition.

11-13. (Canceled)